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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON
UNAMA RENEWAL

¶1. The Department requests that USUN share the following draft elements of a resolution renewing the UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) with the Italian delegation, responsible for drafting the resolution, and other delegations currently engaging in discussions on the resolution text, with the aim of strengthening and clarifying the role of the SRSG and UNAMA in leading international efforts to stabilize Afghanistan and renewing UNAMA's mandate.

¶2. Begin resolution elements:

¶1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNAMA until March 23, 2009;

¶2. Recalling the strategic priorities of the Afghanistan Compact and the Afghanistan National Development Strategy in security, governance, rule of law, human rights, and economic and social development, and recognizing the ultimate sovereignty of the Government of Afghanistan, and recognizing that security, reconstruction and development are mutually reinforcing, decides further that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNAMA, in support of the people and Government of Afghanistan, shall:

(a) assure coordination of all United Nations missions, funds, and programs, with particular attention to refugees, counter-narcotics, and reconstruction and development activities, in support of the Afghanistan Compact and Afghanistan National Development Strategy;

(b) serve as the central and impartial coordinator for the Government of Afghanistan for all of the programs and activities of the international donor community in order to achieve an effective unity of effort;

(c) lead the international partnership with the Afghanistan Compact and the Afghanistan National Development Strategy and co-chairing the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board and other relevant mechanisms;

(d) coordinate electoral assistance of the United Nations, non-governmental and other donors and entities for the upcoming Presidential and parliamentary elections, including support to the Independent Electoral Commission and administration and monitoring of the elections, and coordinate with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to ensure security for voter registration and elections;

(e) recognizing that security, reconstruction and development are mutually reinforcing, closely coordinate assistance efforts with ISAF.

(f) provide political and strategic advice to the Government of Afghanistan and, in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan, promote reconciliation and stability by:

(i) conducting outreach activities to Afghan parties and groups in order to promote national dialogue and reconciliation;

(ii) assisting in the implementation of the program to disband illegal armed groups;

(iii) facilitating regional cooperation with neighboring countries; and

(iv) coordinating with the international security presence and the Afghan National Security Forces throughout the country, taking due account of their respective designated responsibilities, to promote synergy in their common objectives.

(g) promote human rights and the rule of law by supporting the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and by monitoring human rights violations in Afghanistan

13. Calls upon all international donors, organizations, and other international entities to coordinate with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNAMA in support of the people and Government of Afghanistan.
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